

Introduced by Senator Florez

February 23, 2009

An act to amend Section 19984 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to gambling.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 213, as introduced, Florez. Gambling establishments: proposition players.

The Gambling Control Act provides for the licensure of certain individuals and establishments involved in various gambling activities, and for the regulation of those activities, by the California Gambling Control Commission. Existing law provides for the enforcement of those activities by the Department of Justice. Existing law allows a licensed gambling establishment to contract with a 3rd party for the purpose of providing proposition player services, subject to specified conditions.

This bill would provide that nothing in the Gambling Control Act shall be construed to prohibit a 3rd-party provider of proposition player services, or a player employed by such a provider, from servicing more than one table at a time.

The bill would delete an obsolete provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 19984 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 19984. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed
2 gambling establishment may contract with a third party for the
3 purpose of providing proposition player services, subject to the
4 following conditions:

5 (a) Any agreement, contract, or arrangement between a gambling
6 establishment and a third-party provider of proposition player
7 services shall be approved in advance by the department, and in
8 no event shall a gambling establishment or the house have any
9 interest, whether direct or indirect, in funds wagered, lost, or won.

10 (b) The commission shall establish reasonable criteria for, and
11 require the licensure and registration of, any person or entity that
12 provides proposition player services to gambling establishments
13 pursuant to this section, including owners, supervisors, and players.
14 Those employed by a third-party provider of proposition player
15 services, including owners, supervisors, observers, and players,
16 shall wear a badge which clearly identifies them as proposition
17 players whenever they are present within a gambling establishment.
18 The commission may impose licensing requirements, disclosures,
19 approvals, conditions, or limitations as it deems necessary to
20 protect the integrity of controlled gambling in this state, and may
21 assess and collect reasonable fees and deposits as necessary to
22 defray the costs of providing this regulation and oversight.

23 (c) The department, pursuant to regulations of the commission,
24 is empowered to perform background checks, financial audits, and
25 other investigatory services as needed to assist the commission in
26 regulating ~~third-party~~ *third-party* providers of proposition player
27 services, and may assess and collect reasonable fees and deposits
28 as necessary to defray the costs of providing this regulation and
29 oversight. The department may adopt emergency regulations in
30 order to implement this subdivision.

31 ~~(d) No agreement or contract between a licensed gambling~~
32 ~~establishment and a third party concerning the provision of~~
33 ~~proposition player services shall be invalidated or prohibited by~~
34 ~~the department pursuant to this section until the commission~~
35 ~~establishes criteria for, and makes determinations regarding the~~
36 ~~licensure or registration of, the provision of these services pursuant~~
37 ~~to subdivision (b).~~

38 *(d) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a*
39 *third-party provider of proposition player services, or a player*

1 *employed by such a provider, from servicing more than one table*
2 *at a time.*

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